(*b*) whether they are aware that after cutting down the timber duly obtained by M. R. P. license, the ryots are unable to get a transport permit for years and years;

(*c*) whether they would take action for avoiding the delay ?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Forests).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*b*).

MAKING USE OF WATERS OF VEDAGANGA AND DOODHANGANGA RIVERS FOR IRRIGATION FACILITIES OF CHIKODI TALUK.

Q.—263. Sri B. G. KHOT (Sadalga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether any steps are taken to make use of the waters of Vedaganga and Doodhanganga rivers for irrigation facilities for Chikodi Taluk ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

The possibilities have been investigated and it is found that the country in this region does not admit of construction of either a tank or a bhandara. The only feasible proposition appears to be to afford Lift Irrigation facilities which can be considered for implementation when electric power is made available to the area.

INCREASE IN OFFENCES AS A RESULT OF THE ABOLITION OF THE POLICE STATION LOCATED AT AGARA VILLAGE IN YELANDUR TALUK.

* *Q*.—283. Smt. KEMPAMMA (Kollegal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the people are afraid to go about from village to village as the menace from thieves has increased after the abolition of the Police Station, which was located at Agara village in Yelandur Taluk ;

(*b*) if so, the number of villagers in the Taluk that have been manhandled and robbed by thieves ;

(*c*) the number of thieves arrested and prosecuted by the Police, in respect of the above offences and whether the police are patrolling the villages?